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National Security Study Memorandum 19

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS  
APPLY

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: South Vietnam Internal Security Capabilities

The President has directed the preparation of a report on current plans and programs for the improvement of South Vietnam's internal security capabilities. He is particularly concerned with plans for developing indigenous police forces and wishes to have an analysis of current progress and steps that might be taken to improve this capability. The report should include a discussion of the current U.S. organization for accomplishing these tasks and suggestions for improvements in the U.S. organization.

The President has directed that the study be performed by the Secretary of Defense in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence. He wishes to be informed of any views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which may differ from those of the Secretary of Defense as well as any differences of view which the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence may have with the views of the Secretary of Defense.

The report should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by 15 March 1969.

*Henry A. Kissinger*

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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*Result: PG met  
No further action*